

The White Pages

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7th Grade World Geography - African Curriculum
People Helping People Global Presentation
By: Preston Karp

Throughout Dr. Marks' presentation, I learned quite a lot about microlending in Africa and truly enjoyed it. Dr. Marks and his wife are volunteers for a program called People Helping People Global (PHPG). It is a non-profit organization based in Nicaragua that provides loans for small business owners in Africa. The loans allow the entrepreneurs to buy materials to keep their business' running. Because they are able to do this, they make enough money to provide for their family and payback their loans.

Because almost all of the people who participate in receiving loans from the PHPG organization, the program does not look at each individual's credit score to predict whether or not they will pay back their loans. Instead, they use group lending. What this means is that someone who wishes to receive a loan forms a group of three other people of their choice. Each person in the group will receive a small amount of money and once every person in the group pays off their loan, everyone will receive another loan with a larger amount of money. This ensures that PHPG will get their loans returned.

At some parts of the presentation, I was saddened. This included when I heard Dr. Marks recite this quote- "Every day is a struggle." It comes from one of PHPG's clients named Rafael Lopez. He is a fisherman in poverty. Everyday, children and even some adults take things for granted. When I think that some people are making less than two dollars a day and have to get a loan to survive, it breaks my heart. Although I am not included in the group of African entrepreneurs in poverty, I have become so grateful for PHPG because they are an organization that helps people and their families live another day. The nonprofit program is possibly the reason that a family has something to eat for dinner.

Dr. Marks also mentioned another quote that stuck with me. It explains the importance of education. "Give a person a fish, and you feed that person for a day. Teach a person to fish, and you provide food for a lifetime." These intelligent words of wisdom explain that giving is important, but education is the key to success. If someone knows how to

fish, they won't be able to do it successfully with their hands, but will need materials including a pole, bait and so on.

PHPG provides small business owners loans so that they have the money they need to buy the materials that are vital to the success of their business. I am so grateful that I was able to hear Dr. Marks' presentation and learn so much about Microlending in Africa and the PHPG program.



*Partnering with locals
to end poverty*



People Helping People Global
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Parent/Guardian News

By: Jason Rogers

Sherwood/Oak PTO Information

Calendar of Events 2016

March 1st - Early Release
March 8th - Oak's Got Talent Auditions
March 29th - Select Band & Select Choir MICCA Preview Concert
March 30th - Spanish Class Field Trip To Boston
April 4th - PTO Meeting
April 5th - Early Release
April 7th - Spanish Class Field Trip To Boston
April 9th - Oak's Got Talent
April 18-22nd - Spring Vacation
May 3rd - Early Release
May 5th - French Class Field Trip To NYC
May 7th - Grade 7 Band and Chorus Concert
May 10th - Grade 8 Band and Chorus Concert
May 11th - Select Choir & 4th Grade Spring Street Choir Concert
May 21st - Women In Science Spring Conference
May 26th - French Class Field Trip To NYC
May 30th - Memorial Day, No School
June 10th - OMS Spring Musical
June 11th - OMS Spring Musical

7 White Team and School Events

Yearbook Sales

It's that time again - we will be kicking off the yearbook sale this coming MONDAY with payment / orders being accepted through March 11, at a cost of \$28.00. Checks should be made out to Oak Middle School. We will accept late orders until March 18th, at \$35. Here are the basics of how this will work...

- Note that the price is \$28.00 if ordered BEFORE March 11.
- The order forms are available on the OMS website and a stack of flyers will be delivered to each team. There will also be a small stack in the main office.

- Payment MUST be a check or money order - no cash, as we won't have a record of it.
- Students need to bring in the filled out form with the check.
- From March 11-18, the price goes to \$35.00
- Order forms and checks will be collected during homeroom.

To get the order form - go to OMS Website and click on Oak Middle School Yearbook Sale has Begun! in the middle near the bottom -

http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/news/Oak-Middle-School-Yearbook-Sale-Has-Begun.cfm?grp_id=21505.

Team Leader Upcoming Events

By: Theo Chacharone

The team leaders are busy planning an upcoming trip to a local animal shelter for our February/March service learning project. We are deciding what shelter we want to raise money and supplies for, our goal is \$300 over our whole 7 White team! We will start collecting donations as well as pet supplies later in the month. Some items on the wish list are shown below:

- Blankets
- Cat and dog food (wet/dry)
- Kitten food
- Toys
- Collars and leashes
- Gentle Leaders and Easy Walk Harnesses
- Small litter boxes

The team leaders have also started collecting donations for People Helping People Global, a non-profit organization with a goal to send donations to small businesses in Nicaragua to help people out of poverty. By donating small amounts of money, you could help a family in Latin America afford food, clothing and shelter! So far we have \$62.01, so please donate to help out:)



Clubs and School events

By: Lorelai Monteiro

You can sign up for any of the shown activities on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

- Oak Jazz Band
- Oak Science Olympiad
- S.T.A.R - Students Talk And Resolve
- Oak Yearbook Committee
- Dr. Who Club
- Community Service & Leadership Club
- Oak Basketball Team
- Student Voice
- A.S.A.P - After School Activities Program
- Chess and Board Game Club (Jan-Apr)

- Mathcounts
- Science Fair Club
- Science Olympiad
- Select Choir (Nov-Apr)
- Speech Team (Sept-May)
- STAR Peer Meditators

ACADEMICS

7-White's Student Teacher

By: Mr. Livermore

On January 19, 7-White (more specifically Mrs. McGrath) received a new student teacher! I wanted to give all readers, including parents and guardians, a brief background about myself. My name is Mr. Livermore and I'm a senior at Worcester State University, meaning I'll prospectively graduate in May. I live in East Brookfield and have been a commuter all four years. On campus, I worked as an Orientation Leader in the summers of 2014 and 2015. Additionally, I work out of the President's Office as a Student Ambassador and serve as a tour guide for the Admissions Office. I'm also a firefighter/first responder for the town of East Brookfield and work in the pro shop at Marshall Street Disc Golf.

Hobby-wise, I did karate for 10 years, am an avid video gamer, and currently play disc golf. I'm a diehard Boston sports fan; I regularly watch the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins, and Celtics year-round. I have a passion for history, both reading it and writing it. So having the opportunity to teach a subject such as World Geography has given me a new perspective when it comes to teaching social studies.

I greatly look forward to working with all of the students and families on 7-White, as well as my fellow teachers on team and at Oak Middle School. Should anyone ever have questions, comments, or concerns, please e-mail me at dlivermore@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Let's make the latter half of the school year the best one yet!

Allied Arts

Drama

By: Theodora Chacharone

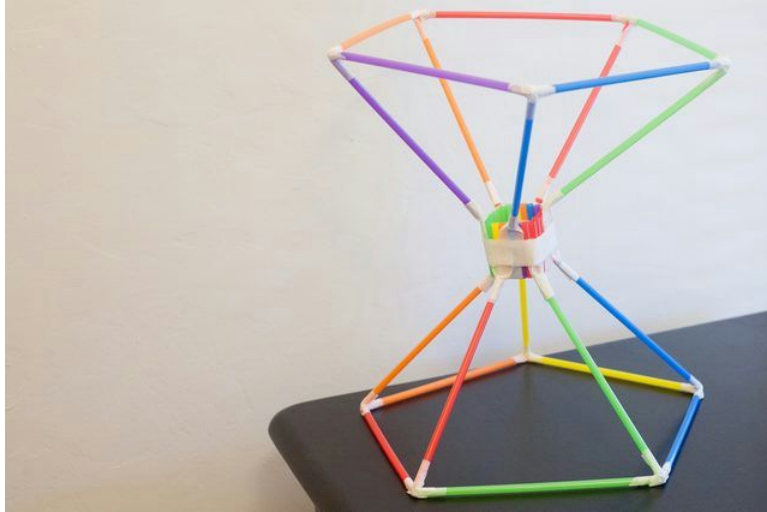
In drama, we are currently learning about monologues and the best way to perform one. A monologue is a script an actor may use to audition for a role in a play or performance. Our classes have studied some videos of past students and other kids performing a monologue, soon we will perform one of our own! We learn how to break up monologues by using the Dramatic Arc and the five stages in it. Drama is a great class that lets everyone have a chance to be a star!



Tech Ed

by: Jason Rogers

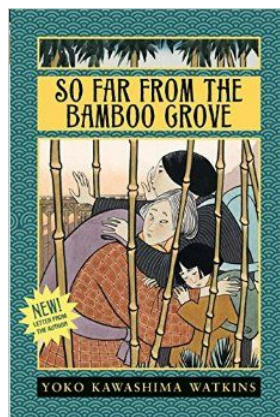
In Tech Ed we do many fun activities and projects. One of the many projects was a morse code activity where you first saw a video and then got codes for each letter. You create your own message. One of the bigger activities was the "Glooper" activity, which was creating a "machine" that flies up in a tube and has to stay in a certain area for 5 seconds. If it flies out or doesn't reach the area in 10 seconds you are out. Another one of the major activities, and more fun ones was the egg drop activity. You had a couple days to build a creative "vehicle" for an egg to be hold in. Then you drop it from 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 feet high and see if it survives. The group with the best weight/height ratio wins. Overall Tech Ed. does lots of fun activities.



ELA

By: Sarah Lanoue

Currently in ELA class we are reading “So Far From the Bamboo Grove”. Mr. Amdur’s classroom has been turned into Café Mamdur! The desks have been turned into high class tables with tablecloths and candles. Jazz music fills the classroom as we work, creating mood along with the dim lights. Students must order at least \$30 of food/work tasks off of the menu, to move on to the next section of the book. There are three sections to read, and students should be wrapping up section two currently. Mr. Amdur is dressed up as a waiter and acts like a waiter too! Coming up after we are finished with the novel, is an informative paper. We will be required to write a five paragraph research paper on an endangered animal. Students will participate in an “Endangered Animal Draft” so that each student has a unique animal to focus on and research.



World Geography

By: Tyler C

We are in the unit of Africa right now and are working on learning the countries and capitals of Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa and after we will be moving on to Northern and Western Africa. We are also focusing on micro-lending in Africa and we also just had a special guest that teaches at Boston University and he spent his summer helping an organization with micro-lending and to find out more read the top of this article. We are also currently working on a project to find out who are class is going to send some money to, to do our own micro- lending project. We will vote on the projects at the end and the winning group gets to send the money to the person through a website called KIVA.



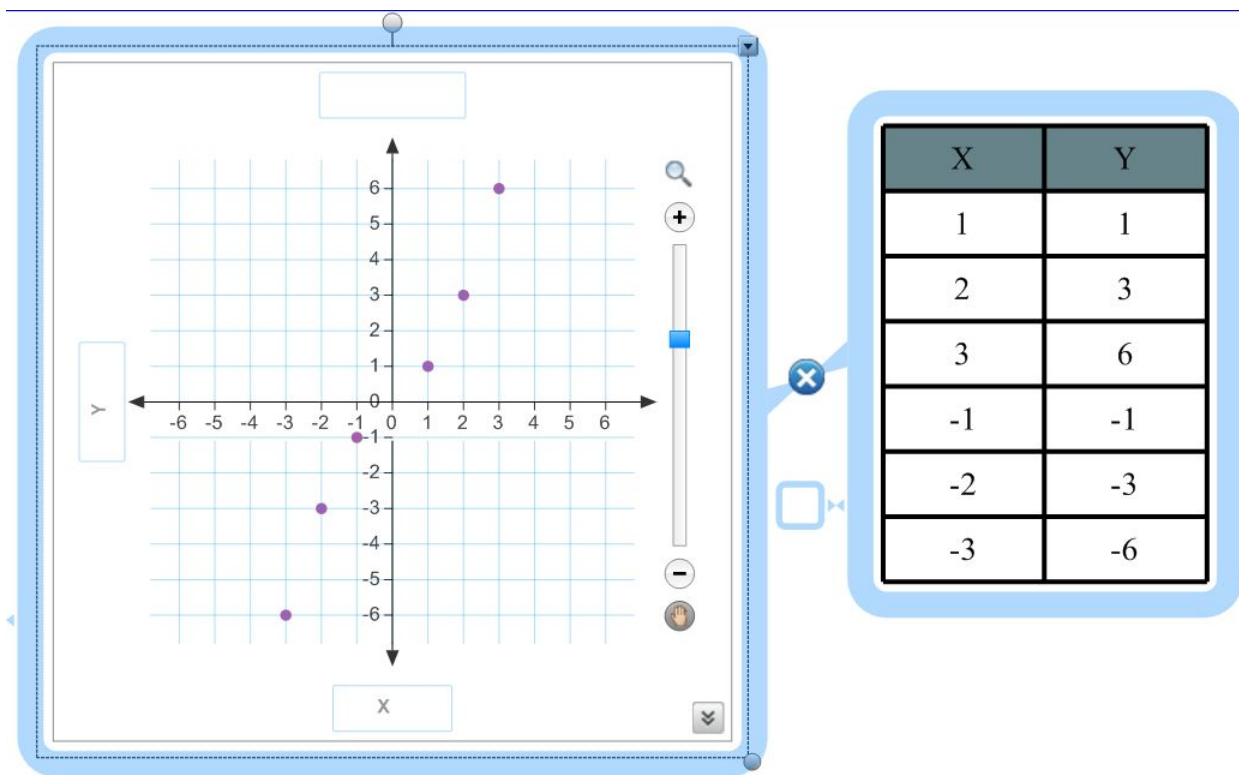
Our next unit in Africa is focusing on combating diseases. Mr. Livermore will be teaching this unit. We will be learning about the causes and effects of different diseases and what are some solutions to preventing them.

In addition, we will be having our first video-conference with our Reach the World Student Traveler. Annabelle is a college student for the University of California Berkeley that has been partnered with our team. She is studying in Dakar, Senegal for the year and is sharing all of her experiences with us. Now we are creating our own journal entries about her and our experiences and will then complete a project based learning activity.

Math

By: Ryan D. Meyer

In Math, we had just completed the unit *Comparing and Scaling*. In this unit, we learned how to compare ratios or create equivalent ratios. We also learned how to find a unit rate by using many different methods. One of them was called the proportion method which is when you create two different equivalent fractions by cross multiplying. We also learned how to find percents of a number but especially prices of items usually sold at a store. The unit we have just currently started is *Moving Straight Ahead*. In this unit, we basically identify the relationship between two variables. We find that by looking at some sort of data table or graph. We also learned how to find slope and y-intercept in equations, tables and graphs in a real world context.



Advanced Math

By: Ryan D. Meyer

Advanced math is just an enhancement to what we are learning in our regular standards. Currently, we are learning about relationships between two variables and identifying points on the graph or table. Every Day 1, the selected students who got a good enough score in the pre-test go to Ms. Freedman to learn our regular math course but in a more complex way.

Advanced Math Students:

TW:

Nidal Touaiher

ER:

Pranav Chintalapudi

AK:

Shreeya Siram

Parker Ha

Grace Li

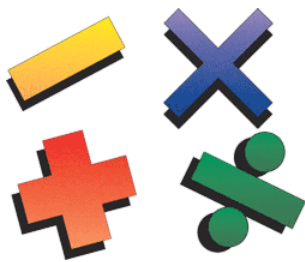
Rahul Kasibhatia

Saad Mufti

MO:

Daniel Kang

Gaurav Savant



Science

By: Nikhil Sadavarte

We learned about genetically modified organisms. In this unit, we learn the different variety of food that is genetically modified and the possible dangers that genetically modified food can have. We read articles and watched videos about the Pros and Cons of GMOs. We found no proven negative evidence, but people should still have the right to know what they are eating. After we learned about genetically modified organisms we wrote a persuasive essay on our opinion of how GMOs may affect people and the environment and whether our food should or should not be labelled if it has GMOs.

For the essay, we took notes on all of the information we gathered. We used 3 different graphic organizers to map the information and plan out our essay. We used the Pro/Con T- Chart which is a chart that separates the good and the bad things about GMOs. After that we picked a side, Pro or Con and then filled in the Pillar where we entered brief information to help to organize our essay. Right before we started the essay we complete the Argument Map that helps us map out our response. Then we wrote our essay. After writing a rough draft we asked parents and peers help us to edit our work.

We just started out next unit on Evolution. We completed our first lab called “Toothpick Fish” where we applied our knowledge from the Genetics Unit to the adaptation of fish in their environment. We used toothpicks as alleles and Punnett Squares to figure out the probability of which alleles the fish got from their parents. We lost some fish to predators and some to human pollution. This got us thinking about how animals must adapt to changes in the environment that we as human sometimes cause.

Name _____ Date _____ Grade _____ Genetically Modified Organisms Pro and Con Graphic Organizer			
List supporting details for BOTH sides of the issue:			
PRO		CON	
"Good" things about Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)	"Bad" things about Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)	"Good" things about Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)	"Bad" things about Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
Source	Source	Source	Source

Are GMO's safe for my health and the environment?	
Opening Statement / Thesis Statement (preview your claims)	
Claim #1	
Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail
Claim #2	
Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail
Claim #3	
Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail
Concluding Statement	

Issue: GMO's are/ are not good for my health and my environment. Argument Map/ Paragraph Organizer	
Introduction	
Supporting Reason #1:	Evidence/ Facts or examples to support reason 1:
Supporting Reason #2:	Evidence/ Facts or examples to support reason 2:
Supporting Reason #3:	Evidence/ Facts or examples to support reason 3:
Supporting Reason #4:	Evidence/ Facts or examples to support reason 4:
Opposing Position:	Response to Opposing Position:
Conclusion	

Spanish

By: Abbi Griggs

In Spanish class we are learning about food and drinks for different meals. We talk about our likes and dislikes of the food. In señorita Sullivan-Jacques we do a la pared de palabras, which means word of the day. We have been doing type of food everyday, and we have to find what ingredients are in the food. Yo como el tocino y el huevos en el desayuno. That means I eat bacon and eggs for breakfast. We are also learning about the -er and -ir verbs and how to end them to the end of a word.

-er verb endings

yo	o	nosotros/as	emos
tú	es	vosotros/as	eís
Ud. él ella	e	Uds. ellos ellas	en

-ir verb endings

yo	o	nosotros/as	imos
tú	es	vosotros/as	ís
Ud. él	e	Uds. ellos	en

French

By: Caleb Supernor (Sa-leb)

We are currently learning about sports and hobbies. We just finished our skits that talk about buying school supplies at a store and finding out the prices. That wrapped up Chapter 3 and now we are on Chapter 4. We were also learning the colors and how to spell them when the word you are doing the sentence with is masculine or feminine. And making collages to be able to orally say that you play or do the hobbies.

Spotlight on a Country = Brazil

Capital: Brasília

Largest City: São Paulo

Official language: Portuguese

Government Type: Federal Republic

Population: 200.4 million

Area : 7,692,024 km squared | 2,969,907 sq mi

HDI (Human Development Index): .935

GDP per capita (Gross Domestic Product): \$47,318

Currency: Australian Dollar (AUD)



Local Town News



By: Olivia Randazza

- The town library is still in the process of being built. Hopefully it will be done soon. There is a temporary library right by the Glavin Soccer Fields.
- At Oak Middle School we are having a talent show called "Oaks Got Talent".
- The Boston Bruins 9th Annual PJ Drive Sponsored by Shrewsbury Public Library & Cradles to Crayons is coming soon too.
- Also coming up is the 9th Annual Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k and 1M Fun Run.

Sports News

Hockey

By: Caleb Supernor (Sa-leb)

Watch out! The Florida Panthers are on a winning streak! But the league leading Washington Capitals stand on top. The Boston Bruins currently as of February 9th they

stand 3rd in the Atlantic Division. The Bruins just lost a 9-2 game against their former Bruin, Milan Lucic and the LA Kings. But before that they had won two back to back games against the Buffalo Sabres. And the NHL All Star Game took place on January 31 and Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron was there. The pacific won the whole game against the Atlantic division. But on February 20th the Bruins beat Tyler Seguin and the Dallas Stars in a 7-3 blowout.



Baseball

By: Tyler R Chenevert

It is the off season in baseball right now and teams have made big moves like the Boston Red Sox signing David Price to a multi year and million dollar contract. To see the rest of the transactions use this link to the [MLB site](#). But in March the spring training starts for the clubs and then the baseball season is in full swing. So get ready for one of the best baseball seasons to come



Music Scene

By: Olivia Randazza

What is going on in the music world? Well to start one of the biggest names in the music business is a new dad! Louis Tomlinson from One Direction Freddie Reign Tomlinson was born on January 21st 2015. As for the rest of the band they said they are going on a break for supposedly 2 years after releasing their amazing album *Made In The A.M.*

The top five songs on the charts from 1-5 are:

- My House by Flo Rida
- Adventure of a Lifetime by Coldplay
- Stressed Out by Twenty One Pilots
- Love Yourself by Justin Bieber
- Pillowtalk by Zayn Malik
- The highest selling album of 2015 was 25 by Adele. It sold 5 million copies just

in the U.S.



What is at the movies?

By: Abbi Griggs

<u>Genre</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Release date</u>
Adventure:	Kung Fu Panda 3	4.5 stars	January 29, 2016
Action:	The 5th Wave	3.5 stars	January 22, 2016
Horror:	The Boy	3.5 stars	January 22, 2016
Comedy:	The Road Chip	4 stars	December 18, 2015

College Sports

Hockey: Currently in college hockey the national rankings are:

Rankings

Div I

Men's Ice hockey

- 1 Quinnipiac
- 2 North Dakota
- 3 Boston College
- 4 St. Cloud State
- 5 Providence
- 6 Michigan
- 7 Boston University
- 8 Notre Dame
- 9 Harvard
- 10 Yale
- 11 Massachusetts-Lowell
- 12 Nebraska-Omaha
- 13 Denver
- 14 Michigan Tech
- 15 Cornell
- 16 Penn State
- 17 Minnesota State
- 18 Rensselaer
- 19 Bowling Green
- 20 Clarkson

Just out: Robert Morris 64, Dartmouth 52, St. Lawrence 22,
Minnesota-Duluth 14, Minnesota 6, Miami 4, Union 4, Ferris State 3, Air
Force 1.

Basketball: Currently in college basketball, they are the road to March
Madness for the teams that are dominating in their conference. All the best

teams in America go in a showdown between other colleges in one of the biggest sporting events in America.

Rankings:

1. Villanova
2. Maryland
3. Oklahoma
4. Iowa
5. Xavier
6. Kansas
7. Virginia
8. Michigan State
9. North Carolina
10. West Virginia
11. Oregon
12. Miami
13. Louisville
14. Iowa State
15. Texas AM
16. SMU
17. Arizona
18. Purdue
19. Dayton
20. Providence
21. Baylor
22. Kentucky
23. Southern California
24. Texas
25. Wichita State



26.